(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the public sector undertakings chosen for disinvestment during the year 2002-2003 and the target fixed for each of the units and how much is expected to be generated through disinvestment?

THE MINISTER OF DISINVESTMENT (SHRI ARUN SHOURIE): (a) and (b) The amount realised and expected to be realised by 31-3-2002, based on decisions taken so far (including dividend, special dividend, dividend tax, transfer from surplus cash reserves and lease rent etc.), is of the order of, Rs. 5,724.50 crore, as against the target of Rs. 12,000 crore during the year 2001-02.

(c) The names of the PSUs in which disinvestment will be concluded during the year 2002-03 and the amount expected to be generated through disinvestment cannot be precisely indicated at this stage. No target is fixed for the amount to be raised from disinvestment in individual PSUs. Disinvestment process is in progress in 30 companies. viz., Maruti Udyog Ltd., Hindustan Zinc limited (HZL), Indian Petrochemicals Corporation Ltd. (IPCL), Bharat Heavy Plates and Vessels Ltd, (BHPV), NEPA Ltd., Instrumentation Control Valves Ltd. (ICVL), Jessop & Company Limited, India Tourism Development Corporation (ITDC), Hotel Corporation of India Ltd., Air India Ltd.(AI), Engineering Projects (India) Ltd. (EPIL), Hindustan Copper Ltd. (HCL), Hindustan Cable Ltd., Hindustan Salt Ltd., Hindustan Organic Chemicals Ltd. (HOCL), Madras Fertilizers Ltd. (MFL), Minerals & Metals Trading Corporation of India Ltd. (MMTC), National Fertilizers Ltd. (NFL), Shipping Corporation of India Ltd. (SCI), Sponge Iron India Ltd. (SIIL), State Trading Corporation of India Ltd. (STC), MECON Ltd., National Aluminium Company Ltd. (NALCO), Tungabhadra Steel Products Ltd. (TSPL), Burn Standard Co. Ltd., Braithwaite & Co. Ltd., Tyre Corporation of India Ltd., Bharat Opthalmic Glass Ltd. and National Instruments Ltd.

Disinvestment of MFIL

315. SHRI V.V. RAGHAVAN:
SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN:

Will the Minister of DISINVESTMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are considering a proposal to

off-load the remaining 26 per cent Government stake in the Modern Foods Industries Limited (MFIL);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that the BIFR to which the company was referred last year as a sick company has not announced its verdict as yet; and

(d) if so, the reasons for delay?

THE MINISTER OF DISINVESTMENT (SHRI ARUN SHOURIE): (a) and (b) Yes Sir. The Government has decided to disinvest 26% of its equity held in Modern Food Industries (India) Ltd. (MFIL) in favour of the Strategic Partner, Hindustan Lever Limited (HLL) at the rate at which 74% of MFIL's shares were transferred to HLL in terms of the Share Purchase Agreement and Shareholders Agreement with HLL.

(c) and (d) Since the accumulated losses of MFIL at the end of the financial year 1999-2000 resulted in the erosion of more than 50% of its peak net worth during the immediately preceding four financial years, MFIL had to file a report of this erosion with the BIFR as per the provisions of Sick Industries Companies (Special Provision) Act, 1985. In its plan for revival of MFIL, HLL has not sought any relief on rehabilitation and has categorically intimated the BIFR that is is confident of turning around the Company with its management strength and capability of injecting additional funds. BIFR has not yet given its orders on HLL's plan for revival of MFIL.

Performance of disinvestment

316. SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN:
SHRI V. V. RAGHAVAN:

Will the Minister of DISINVESTMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government's record in meeting disinvestment targets has been dismal since it was launched in the year 1991-92;

(b) if so, the target fixed every year and the actual achievement since 1991-92;

(c) the reasons for failure to meet the targets; and

(d) whether Government propose to review the disinvestment policy being followed so far in view of the dismal record in meeting the targets?